CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of preparing an aqueous coating composition, comprising steps of:

dissolving a solid curing agent in polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated monomers and

emulsion polymerizing the monomers to form a polymer having groups reactive with the curing agent.

2. A method of preparing an aqueous coating composition, comprising steps of:

dissolving a uretdione compound in polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated monomers and

emulsion polymerizing the monomers to form an active-hydrogen functional polymer.

3. A method of preparing an aqueous coating composition, comprising steps of:

dissolving a solid blocked polyisocyanate compound in polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated monomers and

emulsion polymerizing the monomers to form a polymer having groups reactive with the blocked polyisocyanate compound.

- 4. A method according to claim 3, wherein the polymer has hydroxyl groups.
- 5. An aqueous, thermosettable coating composition prepared according to the method of claim 1.
- 6. An aqueous, thermosettable coating composition prepared according to the method of claim 2.
- 7. An aqueous, thermosettable coating composition prepared according to the method of claim 3.
- 8. A method of coating an article, comprising applying a layer of the coating composition of claim 5 to an article and curing the applied layer to form a cured coating on the article.
- 9. A method of coating an article, comprising applying a layer of the coating composition of claim 6 to an article and curing the applied layer to form a cured coating on the article.
- 10. A method of coating an article, comprising applying a layer of the coating composition of claim 7 to an article and curing the applied layer to form a cured coating on the article.

- 11. A coated article prepared according to the method of claim 8.
- 12. A coated article prepared according to the method of claim 9.
- 13. A coated article prepared according to the method of claim 10.